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Art Unit: 1655

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20213

TRANSMITTAL LETTER and REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [X] a Response under 37 CFR 1.111, with Exhibits A and B and [X] a check (no. 3772) in the amount of \$920.00 in payment of extension fees for a large entity, to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

[] A fee for additional claims is required. The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXCESS CLAIMS	RATE	FEES DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>167</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>00</u>	× \$18	= 0.00
INDEPENDENT	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>00</u>	× \$84	= 0.00
FIRST INTRODUCTION OF MULT. DEPENDENT CLAIM				+\$280	= 0.00
TOTAL FEES DUE					= 0.00

PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES

[] Please charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0268 in payment of the fee for additional claims. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0268. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

- [X] Extension is requested under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the following extension fee is applicable for the Response filed herewith: [] \$110.00 for response within first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a);
[] \$400.00 for response within second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b);
[X] **\$920.00 for response within third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(c);**
[] \$1,440.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(d).
- [X] A check including the amount of [] \$110.00 [] \$400.00 [X] \$920.00 [] \$1,440.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith. (**check no. 3772**)
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0268. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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